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1. Spencer Beresford, Counsel for the House Science and Astronautics Committee, called to postpone our briefing of the Committee previously scheduled for today. The reason given for the postponement was the scheduling of floor action today on the NASA appropriations bill requiring Chairman Brooks' presence on the floor. Our briefing has been tentatively scheduled for 1 June at 10:00 a. m.



3. [redacted] called to advise that at a briefing at the State Department which he attended the State Department people indicated that Congressman Emilio Q. Daddario (D., Conn.) has shown considerable interest in the Downey/Fecteau cases. Daddario has been in contact with Mrs. Downey and has been given a rather extensive briefing on these cases by State Department personnel. Mr. Macomber was present at these briefings. [redacted] was not certain that Daddario had been advised of the CIA interest but assumes that he was.

4. Delivered copies of the translation of the "Soviet Scientists Concerning the Dangers of Nuclear Weapons Tests" to the following:

- Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare
- Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee
- Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee
- Senate Armed Services
- Senate Appropriations
- Senate Foreign Relations
- Senate Disarmament Subcommittee
- House Science and Astronautics
- House Appropriations
- House Foreign Affairs

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5. Dr. Scoville, [redacted] of his staff along with Mr. Houston and myself met for approximately one hour with Spencer Beresford and Charles Sheldon of the House Space Committee staff. [redacted] Sheldon reviewed to date the information on the Russian Lunik shot and made suggestions to the OSI people for their briefing of the Committee on Monday, 18 May at 2:30 p.m. (The time for the briefing was changed from Friday 15 May at the Committee's request since Chairman Overton Brooks (D., La.) will be out of town on that date.) We are to obtain from the Committee tomorrow a copy of the transcript of the Air Force testimony and a copy of the list of contacts mentioned by Lloyd Mallan in his testimony on Monday.

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7. The Director attended an S. O. S. club breakfast at the Capitol Hill Club this morning. He was unaccompanied.

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